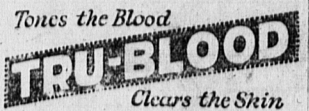


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Principals In Coburg Legal Battle

(Canadian Press)
COBOURG, Ont., April 20.—The national prominence of the principals engaged in the legal battle at Cobourg, where the War Commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G. C. M. G., K. C. B., is seeking to obtain \$50,000 damages against W. T. R. Preston and F. W. Wilson, of Port Hope, Ont., for alleged libel, has stamped this litigation as one of the outstanding cases in Canadian Jurisprudence.

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE
Sir Arthur Currie is one of the citizen-soldiers of Canada, who, in the brief space of little more than two years, rose from the rank of Colonel, commanding a brigade of infantry, to Lieutenant-General, commanding an Army Corps of four divisions. At the outbreak of the war, on August 4, 1914, General Currie, who was then in Victoria, B.C., volunteered for active service and on the formation of the 1st Canadian Division at Valcartier, Que., he was offered, and accepted, command of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade. He was promoted Colonel while in England in January, 1915, and with this rank proceeded to France in February of that year. Colonel Currie, as he then was, took part with his brigade in the 2nd Battle of Ypres in April, 1915, and for his work in this engagement was awarded the Companion of the Bath by His Majesty the King, and was also made Commander of the Legion of Honor by the Republic of France. Colonel Currie participated in the battles of Festubert and Givenchy in May and June of 1915; and, when General Alderson, then commander of the 1st Canadian Division, was withdrawn from England, it was to the leader of the 2nd Brigade that command of the division was given, with the rank of Major General. From September 1915 until June 1917 General Currie commanded his division, and his tenure of office saw him participate in many of the hottest battles of the war. In June 1916 the division was deeply committed once more at Ypres, when the Germans made a strong bid to sweep away Canadian opposition in an effort to open the way to the Channel ports. It was the attacks of his command which restored the ground previously lost to the enemy on Observatory Ridge, Mount Sorrel and Sanctuary Wood.

Seven weeks later saw the Canadians engaged in the protracted struggle on the Somme, and the 1st Canadian Division took part in much of the severe fighting then in progress. On Pozieres Ridge, Moquet Farm, Le Sars, Pys and at the Regina Trench, the 1st Canadian Division delivered attack after attack, contributing much to the eventual withdrawal of the Germans from that area in the spring of 1917.

General Currie continued in command of the division for the greater part of 1917, during which time occurred the famous Battle of Vimy Ridge, with its subsequent engagements at Arleux and Fresnoy. The 1st Canadian Division participated in all of these actions; but Fresnoy was the last battle in which General Currie led his old division, for on the promotion of Sir Julian Byng to command of the Canadian Corps devolved upon General Currie. Simultaneously, he was created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

His first engagement as commander of the Canadian Corps was that at Hill 70 where, according to recent information from the German authorities, the Canadians inflicted on the enemy losses that were proportionally greater than any sustained by the Germans, either prior or subsequent to that battle. This was fought in August, 1917. There followed then the heavy fighting on Passchendale Ridge which was captured on Nov. 6, 1917. This closed the active fighting for that year, but in the spring of 1918 the Canadians were engaged in repulsing the strong German attack of March 21 in the vicinity of Lens, and of Mar. 29 in front of Arras.

It was the Canadian Corps under Sir Arthur Currie which struck the heaviest on August 8 and 9 at Amiens, contributing most to what Ludendorff characterized as "Germany's Black Day." The Germans executed their defeat on those two days by the words of Von Hitler, Ludendorff's brother-in-law and commander of the defeated German Army: "We were opposed by the elite of the French Army and the celebrated Canadian Corps." From then on the Canadians delivered blow after blow at the Germans, at Arras in the first days of August 1918, in the Canal du Nord in September, Cambrai, captured in October, and so on to Valenciennes and Mons where the war ended on Nov. 11, 1918.

Following the war the Canadian government appointed Sir Arthur Currie to the post of Inspector General of the Force, a position which was abolished when Sir Arthur resigned to become Principal of McGill University. This function he has filled since 1920, when he succeeded Sir Auckland Geddes, then appointed British ambassador to Washington.

W. T. R. PRESTON
"In the last two decades of the 19th century, now sunk by nearly 30 years beneath their horizon, all Canadians who took an interest in the country's politics, a definition which included nearly everybody, knew W. T. R. Preston or knew about him." In these terms John W. Dafoe, editor of the Manitoba FREE PRESS, introduces his review of the recently published book by Mr. Preston: "My Generation of Politics and Politicians." Mr. Preston is another of the principals in the libel action, and it is of an article written by him and published in the Port Hope GUIDE in June 1927 that complaint is made. Mr. Preston is in his 77th year, and these years have been replete with activity. He was born in Bytown six years before it was picked to be



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the capital of Canada and renamed Ottawa. He was present when the foundation stone of the Parliament Buildings was laid by the Prince of Wales in 1860 and his interest in politics begins in those pre-Confederation years of Canada. He started his political career as a speaker on behalf of the Liberal party in 1878 and it was his immediate success that determined his career.

"For the next 20 years," continues Mr. Dafoe, "he was in the thick of the political battle." Then followed 15 years of service abroad in various official capacities. First, in the immigration department, and afterwards as commissioner of trade to Japan, and later to the continent of Europe.

Mr. Preston remained in England in 1911 when the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was defeated in some important capacities by the British government. With the coming of the Union government during the war, Mr. Preston returned to Canadian politics as the representative overseas of the Canadian Liberals in the war-time elections.

"He returned to Canada shortly afterwards," continues Mr. Dafoe, "was a figure of some prominence in the Liberal convention of 1919, contested a constituency unsuccessfully in 1921, was charged by the Liberal government with various important commissions with respect to freight rates on the Great Lakes and the North Atlantic, between 1921 and 1925 then retired to his old home in Port Hope to write his reminiscences."

Lyn Mackenzie, grandfather of the present prime minister, at a time when the leader of the revolt of '37 was issuing "The Patriot" in Toronto. Some earlier experiences of newspaper work were obtained by Mr. Wilson in Hamilton, Ont., but at the age of 17 he settled in Port Hope and with his father engaged in producing the Port Hope Guide.

"I had all the ups and downs of the country newspaper," said Mr. Wilson, "principally the downs." Mr. Wilson has made frequent trips to Europe, but in general has not wandered far afield from Port Hope. He is nine years younger than Mr. Preston, with whom he is co-defendant in the suit.

way I was given the freedom of an exclusive set. "When a man comes out of prison he may have anything in his mind from murder to a monastery," continued Miss Evan-Thomas. "There are always a handful who hunger to run straight. The League of the Straight Road gives these men their chance."

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Dangerous Voyage
(By British United Press)
SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 21.—A daring voyage across the Pacific to San Francisco is being made by two yachtsmen in a sixteen-ton yacht, Lime Juicer 11.

Mr. Lindenmuth is a member of the Babylon Yacht Club, New York, and his Lime Juicer 11 is recognized as one of the best equipped vessels of its kind in the world. For many years Mr. Keightley was attached to the Australian Navy as commander of the Yarra. He is a native of Newcastle and is well-known in yachting circles in New South Wales.

Crooks Taught To Run Straight

(By British United Press)
LONDON, April 21.—There is in the East End of London a little band of men who form the League of the Straight Road. They have nearly all been imprisoned—usually for theft, many once worked together as shopbreakers.

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